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FRANK TELLS 'EM OFF

Morris Frank, that genial country boy from Lufkin, really told everybody off last Thursday night at the Brazos County exes' annual Christmas party. The members of the 1945 Aggie football team and the coaches were the honor guests of the night, with Mr. Frank as the main speaker of the evening. Every thing was going off smoothly, and as scheduled, Mr. Frank took the platform for his much anticipated speech.

To start things off and make everybody comfortable, he promptly put Head Coach Homer Norton on top again for the first time since November of 1939, the date that the Nortonmen last beat Texas. Mr. Norton was on top all right, on top of a chair looking down over the entire audience, but as Mr. Frank pointed out, it was still awfully nice to see him once more above them all. And then one by one, each member of the team was mentioned with an interesting fact about each. Sleepy League was asked to present his new Florida-gal wife; the jack rabbits in Hebronville have offered a prize to any one of their member who can catch Fish Gene Johnson; Jim Winkler was mentioned as the footballer recently voted by the TCU coeds as the best looking on the squad; "Who in the

h- is this Billie person" was thrown in Country Higgins lap; Len Dickey was introduced as the son of Mr. Frank's father's best friend back in East Texas. And then when the crowd told him he had left out Grant Darnell in his recognitions, Mr. Frank, with a blank look on his face asked who that was. Then he remembered that Darnell was one of the all-Americans on the Grant Darnell selections.

The party was a huge success, and a great time was had by all who attended. At the close, Coach Norton suggested that the Brazos County exes annual affair from now also be the annual football banquet. The idea was approved by the team and the club, and starting in 1946, the Brazos County Aggies will honor the team each year.

PENNY'S SERENADE

By W. L. Penberthy

This is the time of the year when we go to scratching our heads for ideas for Christmas gifts for our friends and loved ones. In normal times this is always quite a chore for most of us, but it is really a problem during these days of shortages and inflated prices. Then with some of us it is just naturally hard to think of and purchase gifts for different occasions.

It is unfortunate that we think of giving only at Christmas time and on other special occasions. Some of the happiest people I

know practice giving little gifts throughout the year. It is also unfortunate that when we think of giving we think of material things, because I feel that we can give more real pleasure and happiness through giving a little of ourselves each and every day we live.

I know of no better gift than a smile and a cherry "hello". It has

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the same effect through the rest of the year that "Merry Christmas" has at Yule Time.

Another gift that is priceless is a word of praise or a pat on the back. This is a gift we too often fail to give, and one that is very often appreciated more than any. I have known cases where a word of commendation would bring forth the best in a person when all other means failed.

A third gift that is everlasting is a word of encouragement. We all get "down in the dumps" and get discouraged, and to have our friends give us gifts of encouragement means more to us than any material gift could possibly mean.

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Cadet Quintet Wins One; Drops Two

Aggies to Meet Real Test Against San Antonio Team

Texas Aggie fans will have a chance to compare their basketball hopefuls with the topflight teams of the Southwestern Conference after the Aggies meet the cagers of the San Antonio District AAF Personnel Distribution Command here Thursday night, Dec. 27.

The Army Air Forces five, known as the Warhawks, recently showed it compared favorably with the best in the Southwest by playing the powerful Baylor Bears to a standstill although losing by nine points. The rugged, ball-hawking Baylor quint, undefeated in five contests so far this season, is rumored as the dark horse of the Conference race this year.

Baylor whipped the Warhawks on free shots. The Bears sank almost their free tries but the PDC players, usually poison on the foul lines, were off and missed ten out of 14 tries. The final score was 47 to 38. And the impression was left that it would be closer if they played again.

Staff Sgt. Ken Poppe, at forward, played three years for Baker College, Kans., and hopes to go back to his alma mater as coach when he is discharged from the service. High scorer of the team with 124 points so far this season, he has averaged slightly over 13 points a game.

Sgt. Robert Lewis, who is expected back from furlough in time to be in as the other forward, played for three years at New York University.

Capt. Richard J. Rosemurgy, pint-sized guard, was a star for two years at Ohio State before he was commissioned in the AAF. A sharpshooter from just outside the foul lines, Rosemurgy is the most accurate and deceptive passer of the Warhawks.

At center is timber-topping Larry Drew, who although no college star, has proven a decided asset to the team with his height and ball-following.

Other squad members include Henry Morgan, guard, formerly with the University of Kentucky; Gene Ober, guard, from Pasadena Junior College, Calif.; Leonard Sobbo, forward, from Panzer College, N. J., and "Chief" Wiley, big Indian forward, who never played in college.



INTRAMURALS

By H. A. Pate

The big event of the weekend, the Intramural cross-country meet, was won by B Company, Infantry, with 115 points. Second on the winner's column was H Company, with 128 points, and A Company and D Company tied for third place, with 150 points apiece. The fourth place berth was copped by B Battery, with 173 points, followed closely by C Battery, posting 178 points, and E Company ended up

fifth, on the strength of 191 points. G Company, F Company, D Battery, D Troop, C Company, C Troop, A Troop, B Troop, and A Battery followed in order.

The race was won by A. L. Bailey of B Company, who ran the course in 8:37. This is the second time that he has won the cross-country meet.

- The first five runners were: 1. Bailey, A. L., B Co. 2. Williams, R. K., D Co. 3. Proctor, D. K., C Batt. 4. Hinkle, E. A., E Co. 5. Clark, J. R., C Troop.

E Company took the spotlight in Football, defeating B Company in the semi-finals, 7-6, and winning the championship by defeating F Company 14-0 in the finals.

B Company won the basketball crown by defeating A Battery 19-13. This is the second consecutive time that B Company has held this title.

E Company Takes Corps Football Crown

Williams, Janda, and Eberhard Lead Tumblebugs to 20-2 Win Over F Co.

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It was all E Co. last Sunday afternoon on Kyle Field as the mighty Tumblebugs downed a penalty-hampered F Co. team 20-2 to take their fifth straight game and the corps championship. Company commander Willie Williams, Fish Janda, and Fish Eberhard were the spearhead of the E Co. attack, and more than once did they break away for long gains. The aerial battery of Williams to Janda worked well many times, and was directly responsible for two of the three Bug's counters.

F Co. won the toss to start the game, and Tommy John chose to receive on the north end of the field. Three running plays were called, and then Fish Moore kicked from his own 2 to midfield. Three plays later the E Co. men scored on a pass from Williams to Janda in the deep flat. The conversion from placement was good, and the Tumblebugs were on top 7-0 with but five minutes of playing time gone. Once more in the first half E Co. scored, and this time on another pass. Again the kick from placement was good, and the half ended only minutes later showing E Co. 14, F Co. 0.

Tommy John scored the only markers on the F Co. ledger when he caught Williams behind his own goal line. It was E Co.'s ball on their own 2 following a 15 yard penalty for holding, and John broke through to nail the runner behind the line for 2 points. The third and last E Co. touchdown came late in the half as Williams went off

his own left guard for 10 yards and the score. This time Fish Hambright of F Co. broke in to block the try for extra point.

The game was long and drawn out with many penalties, and lasted for some eighty minutes. But it seemed as though all the violations were called against F Co. They lost 85 yards through this method, and as a result were handicapped from the start to finish. Twice long gains, one of which was a touchdown and the other to the E Co. 4 yard line, were called back when the field judge for the contest ruled illegal play. This was in the first half, and the remainder of the game was played in protest of this official.

Outstanding for the losers were guard Tommy John, center Fish Hambright, and end Fish Peckham. On offense, Fish Carlton, the up-front man on the "T", performed well.

The entire E Co. team played with smoothness and precision, and

put up a better than just good defense. However, Williams, Janda, and Eberhard were the standouts for the Tumblebugs. Neither team had a substitution.

The starting lineup: F Co.—Barber, H. H., end; John Tommy, guard; Fish Hambright, center; Fish McJilton, guard; Fish Peckham, end; Fish Carlton, back; Fish Rogers, back; Fish Vletas, back; Fish Moore, back. E Co.—Fish Lester, end; Fish Ahuero, guard; Fish Spud Smith, center; Fish Garfield, guard; E. A. Hinkle, end; Fish Janda, back; Fish Eberhard, back; Fish McMahan, back; Willie Williams, back.

Bergstrom Field and L. S. U. Win; Aggies Beat Sam Houston 50-27

Saturday night the Texas Aggies lost their second basketball game in a row to the power-laden Bergstrom Army Air Field crew by the tune of 42-41. The first loss was to L.S.U., another strong team, and both have been by slim one-point margins.

Bergstrom boasted a host of former college stars from all over the nation but were still lucky to take the game from the fighting Aggies, sparked again by Voss and Dawson. The A&M cagers who started the game were Bill Yeoman and Oscar White, forwards; Homer Adams and Peck Voss, guards; "Little Dawg" Dawson, center. Kirkland, McCormick, Underwood, Townsend, and Weber were substitutes. Jim Flannagan, Bill Stinger, Alden Ike, Vern Holmes, and Ken Miller started for the Flyers and all were former college or semi-pro stars. Irving, Jensen, Stumpf, Flynn, and Stager did the relieving for Bergstrom.

The Aggies started the scoring with Peck Voss sinking a long one after thirty seconds of play and held on to the lead until midway in the second quarter. The Cadets trailed Bergstrom on a 17-16 count at the end of a fast played first half in which the Aggies used a zone defense to advantage. Dawson started the habit of making his free ones this first half and continued it all evening to help make him high point man. The Flyers also let loose with the fine shooting that was to spell defeat for the Aggies.

The second half saw Bergstrom build up a big lead only to have the Aggies tear it down and lose to a last-minute gratis toss. Spectacular shooting was the keynote of this period with Underwood shining for A&M. Stinger's work for Bergstrom was the standout of the evening, however.

High pointers for the Aggies were Dawson 13, Underwood 8, and Kirkland 7. Bergstrom had Flannagan 10, Stinger and Quiring 8. The Aggies beat Sam Houston State Teachers by the decisive score of 50-27 at DeWare Field House Wednesday. Dawson and Voss again starred with 22 and 21 points.

The Texas Aggie "B" team

played a thrill-packed basketball game here last Friday night, noosing out a fighting Lamar High School Redskins team from Houston 24-22. It was a Hollywood ending with Farrell and Langston coming through for the Aggies and cooling off a Lamar threat. Lamar had trailed all evening but surged ahead when the game had only three minutes left.

A&M had a starting lineup of Neill, Bradley, Ferrell, Langston and Backer with Claunch, McMullan, Robertson, and Murry the reserves. Lamar used McGrew, Mattingly, Ransover, Brown, Stainberger, Beard, Alasandro and Gano.

The Aggies employed a man-for-man defense that worked with a goodly amount of success throughout most of the game. The Redskins scored most of their points from far out in the court and showed some exceptional shooting ability.

Of the four high-point men the Aggies boasted three. Red Langston took the honors with eight points while Farrell and Niell had six each. Morris Backer, who started as guard for the Aggies, showed the best prospects as a ball handler. George Brown sparked the losers with three beautiful buckets for a total of six points.

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